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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-10, 12 and 15-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 17 and 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 10, 12 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4, 10, 12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lengyel et al (Lengyel) in view of Ullman, both of record.

3. Regarding claim 1, Lengyel discloses a flush-mounting box (12, Figure 1) with an open front having an edge (38, column 4, lines 36-42), the flush-mounting box having side walls (36) extending from the edge to a base (34) with protruding eyes (40) extending radially outward on an outer surface of the side walls adjacent to the base. Lengyel further discloses fittings (48) including apertures in the side walls (52, column 5, lines 13-17). Lengyel does not teach a flange fastenable on the outside of the box. Ullman discloses a similar flush-mounting box with a flange (20) on the outside of the box and plural means (44, column 5, line 55 to column 6, line 12) on the box for fastening the flange to the box at selectably variable distances rearwardly back from the edge of the open front to make the box adjustable to different wall thicknesses (column 5, lines 65-68). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the use of a flange fastenable on the outside of the box as disclosed by Ullman in the mounting box disclosed by Lengyel to make the box of Lengyel adjustable to different wall thicknesses.

4. Regarding claim 2, the flange of Lengyel as modified by Ullman discloses a flange that is a solid ring in that the ring is made from a solid piece of material not having holes or perforations in the surface of the ring.
5. Regarding claim 3, Lengyel as modified by Ullman comprises a plurality of structures (44) spaced back from the edge of the open front and on the outer surface of the side walls as taught by Ullman.
6. Regarding claim 4, the flange of Lengyel as modified by Ullman is fastened directly to the mounting box.
7. Regarding claim 10, in the mounting box of Lengyel as modified by Ullman the locking structures on the box (44) interact with the elements (39) on the flange in the general manner of a bayonet joint.
8. Regarding claim 12, the flange of Lengyel as modified by Ullman would be fastenable from the open front of the flush-mounting box of Lengyel as modified by Ullman.
9. Regarding claim 15, the flange of Lengyel as modified by Ullman is latchable into position since the flange is latched in position when it is secured to the locking structures (44) at a selected distance from the front opening.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 7-9, 17 and 18 are allowed.
11. Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 10, 12, 15 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HARRY A. GROSSO whose telephone number is (571)272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on 571-272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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